

Community Update

Buloke.

Growth Support Funding

Rural Councils Victoria has taken up the challenge to champion innovative ideas that empower rural communities.

In a collaborative effort with Buloke, Yarriambiack, Hindmarsh, Loddon and Swan Hill Rural City Council Shires, together, they are paving the way for essential housing and infrastructure that fuel our local economies.

The \$200,000 Victorian Government funding announcement is for a groundbreaking shared services pilot to create a streamlined approach to access building surveyor services.

By making it easier for councils to fast-track property development, this initiative opens doors for growth in our communities, with potential to inspire similar solutions statewide.

Stay tuned for updates as we continue to build a stronger future for our region.

Farm Household Allowance

New Farm Household allowance (FHA) 10-year period started 1 July 2024.

If you've used your four years in this 10-year period, you may be eligible for four more years.

There are some eligibility rules you'll need to meet, contact the Rural Financial Counselling Service on ph: 1300 735 578, to make a free appointment and their financial counsellors can assist you to apply.

Fire Danger Period

THE Fire danger period (FDP) is now in effect in the Buloke Shire.

During this period burning off is prohibited unless you have a written permit.

On Total Fire Ban days, burning off is banned and permits are suspended for the duration of the Total Fire Ban.

Apply for permits online through Fire Permits Victoria website, visit:
www.firepermits.vic.gov.au

Council Meeting

A meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Wednesday 20 November 2024 in the Wycheproof Supper Room, 367 Broadway Wycheproof, for Council to;

- Determine the Mayoral Term
- Elect a Mayor
- Elect a Deputy Mayor
- Adopt Council delegate appointments
- Adopt the Meeting schedule for the forthcoming Mayoral year

This Meeting is open to all members of the public.

Wayne O'Toole

Chief Executive Officer

Flood Recovery Road Network Maintenance

BULOKE Shire Council contractors, including Surveyors and Geotechnical Investigators, will be in the Northern and Western parts of the Shire over the next few months to gather vital data that will be used to improve infrastructure and the road network in response to flood and storm damage.

Where will I see Council contractors assessing our roads?

As a result we're hard at work improving our roads. Here's where it's happening:

- Wilkur-watchupga Road
- Brim East Road
- Watchem-Corack Road
- Watchem West School Road

Stay tuned for more updates, and thank you for your patience as we improve our road network!

DrumMUSTER update at Birchip

DID you know that Buloke Shire Council remains Victoria's second-biggest collector of drums?

Being a part of the Drum Muster programme is something we take great pride in, and we couldn't achieve this without the continued support of our local farmers and producers. Your commitment to sustainability makes a real difference.

Due to popular demand, we have doubled the size of the DrumMUSTER enclosure at Birchip Landfill. This expansion will help us accommodate even more chemical drums, making it easier for our community to dispose of them safely and responsibly.

Fire Prevention

BULOKE'S annual fire prevention inspections are currently underway.

This is a crucial time for all of us to prepare our properties for the upcoming fire season.

Please take a moment to check that your grass is cut back and free of any debris, as this can significantly reduce fire risks.

Let's all do our part to keep our community safe and protect our homes.

If you have any questions or need assistance with fire safety measures, don't hesitate to contact us on 1300 520 520.



Nominations Open

CALLING for nominations for the 2025 Australia Day Awards in the Buloke Shire!

Do you know someone who has made a significant impact and been an outstanding contributor to our community?

Is there a local event which was brought together by many individuals that truly resonated with the community and deserves recognition?

Let's celebrate those who go above and beyond to make a difference by nominating them.

Categories:

- Citizen of the Year (25yrs+)
- Young Citizen of the Year (15-24yrs)
- Community Event of the Year

Nominations are to be received by 5:00PM 22 November 2024.

Nomination forms can be found on Council's website, visit: www.buloke.vic.gov.au/nominate-now-for-australia-day-awards



Employment with Buloke

Council is an equal opportunity employer. Our roles are non-gender specific, and Council encourages all suitably qualified applicants to apply. For more information on equal opportunity, call Human Resources on 1300 520 520.

Maternal Child Health Nurse

Council is seeking a highly motivated and enthusiastic Maternal and Child Health Nurse to provide high quality services to young families in Buloke Shire.

→ **Applications close Monday 18 November 2024.**

You can find all current employment opportunities at www.buloke.vic.gov.au/employment

You may lodge your applications by
Mail - PO Box 1, Wycheproof VIC 3527; or
Email - recruitment@buloke.vic.gov.au



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